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MEMORANDUM TO: Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR

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THRU: Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

FROM: Chief, Aircraft Branch, D/I

SUBJECT: Soviet-Bloc Participation in U. S. International  
Aviation Shows during 1958

1. Any form of reciprocity which might be logically requested of Soviet-Bloc countries in conjunction with either the Aviation Show in New York City or the International Air Show in Miami would be of probable intelligence gain to the United States.

2. By observing Soviet aeronautical equipment it is possible that a great deal of information regarding the following could be determined:

- a. Production methods used.
- b. Kinds and forms of materials employed.
- c. Innovations in assembly and fabrication.

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3. With greater knowledge along these lines it would be possible to fill existing gaps in intelligence on such factors as:

- a. General state of Soviet aeronautical art.
- b. Cost of equipment.
- c. Producibility of equipment.
- d. Sub-contracting.

4. The gains which the Soviets might receive as a result of the proposed exchanges are estimated to be negligible as the U.S. information disclosed by such displays is readily available in open source literature.

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